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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
CELINE ESCOFFIER, ET AL. : EXAMINER: FERNANDEZ, S. E.  
SERIAL NO: 10/555,099 :  
FILED: NOVEMBER 2, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1651  
FOR: DEVICE AND METHODS FOR :  
COUPLING/UNCOUPLING A TARGET  
OR AN OBJECT PRESENT IN A SAMPLE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.